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WASHINGTON – Congressman Charles F. Bass (NH-02) was honored by the nonpartisan Concord Coalition last week for his leadership and courage in helping to draft a bipartisan deficit reduction plan and his willingness to "[put the national interest above political partisanship](#)."

At a ceremony in Washington, Bass and the seven other cosponsors of the Simpson-Bowles alternative budget received the 2012 Paul E. Tsongas Economic Patriot Award for their bipartisan fiscal leadership. Also receiving the award, which is given to individuals who "embody the spirit of bipartisanship and integrity" and who have demonstrated a commitment to fiscal responsibility, were the 30 Republicans and Democrats who voted for the budget plan.

Bass said, "The people of New Hampshire and our nation have been crying out for Congress and the Administration to come together and find a solution to our dire fiscal situation, which threatens to push our nation into another recession if nothing is done now to stop us from going over the fiscal cliff. I am truly honored to be recognized by the Concord Coalition for my support of a bipartisan budget plan, and I will continue working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle for bipartisan solutions, as it is only through compromise that we will get anything done."

Former U.S. Senator Sam Nunn (D-GA), the co-chair of the Concord Coalition, said, "In an era of partisan gridlock that has left the country on a very dangerous fiscal path, such cooperation is all too rare. It is not a matter of ideology. It is a matter of simply adding and subtracting, and we in this nation are flunking the course now in arithmetic."

Earlier this year, Bass was named one of the "Brave 38" by [USA Today](#) for his courage in supporting the only bipartisan budget plan, modeled after the Simpson-Bowles Commission's recommendations, which would reduce the deficit by \$4 trillion over 10 years through a combination of comprehensive tax reform and responsible spending reductions. The plan would have also eliminated the automatic across-the-board cuts under sequestration.

The Concord Coalition is a grassroots organization dedicated to fiscal responsibility and is co-chaired by former U.S. Senators Warren Rudman (R-NH) and Sam Nunn (D-GA). For more information, please visit <http://www.concordcoalition.org/>.

